The Archaeology of Fire
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**On the cover:** Disturbing image of a portion of the Lilac Fire in northern San Diego County in 2017 (photo courtesy of Brenton Willhite and used with his permission). For details, see article on page 20.
Creating a New Experience: 2020 SCA Riverside Meeting
Rebecca Allen, President

Planning for the 2020 SCA Annual Meeting begins months in advance. With the assistance of Michael Bever (Program Chair), Sara Dietler (Local Arrangements Chair), and Denise Wills (Executive Director), our 2020 conference theme has been chosen: Archaeology Into The Future. One of the promises of archaeology has always been that knowledge of the past will inform the future. The SCA encourages its members to realize this potential in many ways, such as:

- Conducting archaeological studies which relevant to and inclusive of descendant communities;

- Integrating multiple, diverse perspectives to interpret and understand the past;
• Mining archaeological topics to address environmental issues, such as climate change;
• Presenting archaeological results in engaging, informative, and innovative ways;
• Incorporating modern technology for better data collection and presentation.

How are you going to present your ideas and information? For the 2020 meeting, we ask that each member consider these ideas in the creation of paper presentations, symposium topics, forums, posters, and other types of sessions. We encourage the use of videos, shorter presentations with time for questions, and other mechanisms that promote diverse viewpoints and engage the audience.

There are many different ways to participate in the conference. I have some ideas and hope that each of you will consider more ways to communicate with and learn from your peers. Think about new ways to engage the audience. Here are a few ways you can contribute:

• Give a paper! This is the tried and true method. If you are a student, submit your paper for consideration for the Outstanding Student Paper Award. Tighten your presentation and leave time for a few questions.
• Organize a symposium. Gather people who are interested in similar topics.
• Create a poster. At the 2020 Annual Meeting, the SCA is presenting an Outstanding Student Poster Award.
• Shape a forum using innovative formats. In the past, we have had panel presentations, three-minute sessions (a series of short papers followed by time for audience questions), resume building, how-to sessions, and storytelling.

• Host a Finding a Solution Forum. Do you have a problem and need the input of your peers? Invite a forum audience and be prepared to brainstorm, network, and facilitate. As a suggestion, bring easels and large-format paper to capture thoughts and action items.
• Organize an Open-Mic Forum around an idea or set of related ideas. Find out what your colleagues may know or are curious about a particular idea. What do you have in common? What do you do with your newfound knowledge?
• Start a Lunch Club. Want to start an interest group with new ideas and new goals? Maybe sweeten the deal by inviting interested parties to talk over lunch.
• Host a Video Forum. Do you have a video you want to share and discuss? Find others who also wish to share.
• Sponsor a table at the SCA Bookroom. What audience do you want to reach and why?
• Create a sense-filled presentation or forum. People generally remember only about 15% of what they hear. What other senses are you going to engage with your audience to get your point across?

Need some help with your presentation ideas? If so, please contact me at rebecca@scahome.org. Maybe I can help, or better yet, put you in touch with other like-minded researchers. I am looking forward to seeing your ideas in action at the 2020 SCA Annual Meeting in Riverside.
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California Archaeology Month Update
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Greetings SCA Supporters. As you may know, I have returned to my position as the California Archaeology Month coordinator. The SCA Facebook (FB) page is now the calendar for the SCA to promote California archaeology, focusing on lectures, exhibits, symposiums, and conferences throughout the year. I am asking for your help to increase the number of events that I am currently posting. I hope that many of you are following the SCA FB page and can see the efforts I am making to showcase and highlight our great state's public outreach. With California Archaeology Month looming, I hope to secure at least 50 events throughout September and October.

Here are a few ways you can assist me in these endeavors:

1. Invite me to become a member of a private archaeology, history, geography, or other related FB group. I can then cross-post relevant events onto the SCA FB page.
2. Send links to me at acox@pangis.com, including links to FB pages that again focus on archaeology, history, geography, or other related themes. I can grab their events and post them to the SCA FB page.
3. Send me media releases for upcoming events at acox@pangis.com. If possible, please include an appropriate image.
4. “Like” SCA FB posts and share when appropriate.

California is a huge state and I need your help. Thank you for your continued support.

California Archaeology Month events in October 2018. Clockwise from top left: Butte, Riverside, and Sonoma counties. Photos courtesy of Annemarie Cox.
In 2017 and 2018, Wendy Teeter, Chair of the Society for California Archaeology (SCA) Curation Committee, along with Stevy Hernandez and Xochitl Aguinaga from the Fowler Museum Archaeology Collections Facility at UCLA, created and distributed an online survey to assess the cultural heritage curation needs within California. The survey collected data to reflect the locations, demographics, and needs of curation facilities statewide. The survey results were shared with attendees of the 2018 and 2019 SCA Annual Meetings, including a panel discussion led by cultural resource management, tribal, museum, and agency representatives.

The ultimate goal of the multiyear project is to address problems which are identified in the Office of Historic Preservation Archaeological Resources Commission White Papers on Curation (http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26522) and to focus on the critical needs of California cultural heritage resources and their continued care. The following is a brief summary of the 2019 session and results. The full report and samples of the new Curated Archaeology Collections Form is available at the UCLA Fowler Museum Archaeology Collection website (https://www.fowler.ucla.edu/archaeology/).

From discussions at the meetings and the survey responses, it became clear that there are problems common to everyone involved. One of the primary concerns is that development projects create new collections that need to be curated in facilities in perpetuity; however, few resources are allocated to this continued care. Many facilities have only one or two staff members and few volunteers to maintain and care for our irreplaceable California cultural heritage. Additionally, the vast majority of staff and volunteers are able to dedicate only 16 hours or less per week to this care. This is not adequate to deal with collections in a timely manner, such as digitization of inventories, which only 38% of respondents indicated they had completed.

There are also broader issues reported by survey respondents, such as difficulties identifying which facilities curate which sites or collections, with researchers often unaware of them at all. Making such information available online had not even been started by 64% of the respondents, although they think it is worthwhile. Finally, many facilities do not meet 36 CFR 79 basic federal curation standards, as reported by 64% of the respondents. Panel and discussion participants added that budget constraints may account for the majority of these issues, as well as an ever-diminishing amount of space to house new collections.

There were proposed solutions to these issues, such as no-collection fieldwork of archaeological materials unless absolutely necessary. This has many drawbacks, including the need for significant prefield preparation and additional in-field documentation. For existing collections (especially those with no assigned trinomial), it was suggested that the state dedicate more resources to the care of our collective cultural heritage, particularly as development projects continue unabated. To aid (continued on page 27)
ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 978, THE CALIFORNIA Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001 (Cal NAGPRA) was signed into law to require all state agencies and museums that receive state funding and that have possession or control over collections of human remains or cultural items to complete an inventory and summary of those remains and items. Further, these state agencies and museums are required to provide a process for the identification and repatriation of these items to the appropriate tribes. Failure to comply with the requirements of this bill would authorize the imposition of civil penalties.

Both federally recognized tribes and unrecognized tribes that have filed for federal recognition were included in the legislation. This resulted in many unrecognized and/or terminated tribes being unable to access their ancestors’ remains or funerary objects because they did not meet the tribal designation requirement as defined in the legislation. Ten years later, Governor Brown issued an executive order which required California agencies to consult with California Indian tribes, including those who had not filed for federal recognition. Nearly a third of California’s tribes are terminated or unrecognized.

This year, Assembly Member James C. Ramos, D-Highland, Serrano/Cahuilla, a citizen of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and the first California Indian to be elected to the state legislature, introduced AB 275, which he hoped would rectify some injustices of the earlier Cal NAGPRA bill. Some California tribes have been frustrated in their attempts to recover ancestral remains from various universities, and there have been a number of disputes between university staff and tribes about the cultural identification of the remains.

This has continued for 18 years. Ramos hoped to rectify this contentiousness with AB 275 by attempting to “ensure that cultural traditional ecological knowledge bearers are given equal footing with museums” and “to create liaisons” (https://newsmaven.io/indiancountrytoday/news/after-california-tribes-cry-foul-assembly-member-james-ramos-kills-a-repatriation-bill-gFy0UlFLF-kKXXfAdExxSg/). AB 275 would also have granted some authority to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), who would have jurisdiction to find legal services outside of government when a potential conflict arose with the California Attorney General.

Early in August, due to pressures from numerous tribes about how this would actually bar many tribes from obtaining ancestral remains and complicate claims based on recognition status, Assemblyman Ramos pulled the repatriation bill. Ramos, a former chair of the NAHC, made this statement to Indian Country Today: “AB 275, while well-intentioned, has inadvertently brought to the surface important issues facing Indian Country. It is clear these issues warrant time and discussion. Therefore I will not be pursuing the bill. While acknowledging the horrific past of the state of California toward its California Tribes, education and discussion on past atrocities and genocide is needed in order to move forward” (https://newsmaven.io/indiancountrytoday/news/after-california-tribes-cry-foul-assembly-member-james-ramos-kills-a-repatriation-bill-gFy0UlFLF-kKXXfAdExxSg/).
Register of Professional Archaeologists Liaison Report
Shelly Davis-King

As part of its continuing professional education (CPE) Program, the Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA) is offering an RPA-certified CPE course on International Heritage Management, to be held on September 26, 2019. For additional details, please go to https://rpanet.org/upcomingcpecourses/international-heritage-management/.

The University of Calgary (UC) in Alberta, Canada, is offering an RPA-certified field school on Maya archaeology in Belize. UC's International Programs website (https://www.ucalgary.ca/oci/event/2017-10-23/info-session-maya-archaeology-belize-field-program) notes that, “The Maya Archaeology in Belize Field Program represents an excellent opportunity for archaeology and anthropology students to develop or extend their field experience through practice in archaeological field techniques within a working archaeological site.” Students will become integrated into the ongoing research of the Stann Creek Regional Archaeology Project, providing a unique chance to meet and work with the investigators while experiencing a Maya site before large-scale excavations and restoration have taken place.

Along with instruction and practice in field procedures and techniques, this program will involve in-field lectures and field trips to Maya archaeological sites and other attractions in the region. For additional information regarding RPA-certified field schools, please go to rpanet.org/list-of-certified-field-schools/.

The RPA files information about grievances on a quarterly basis, with the intention of providing specific numbers of cases and other issues being investigated. The most recently posted list of grievance statistics is the fourth quarter of 2018:

1. Queries to the Register regarding ethics and conduct standards.
5. Registrant investigations ongoing.
1. Registrant cases dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence or follow-up by complainant.
0. Registrants receiving admonishment or censure.
0. Registrant cases referred to the Standards Board for action.
0. Registrants currently under suspension for a period of time.
0. Registrants terminated from the Register.
American Cultural Resources Association Liaison Report
Shelly Davis-King

THE AMERICAN CULTURAL RESOURCES Association (ACRA) blog, ACRAsphere, provides weekly updates about issues of importance to those working in cultural resource management. Check out the blog at https://www.acra-crm.org/acrasphere.

ACRA Annual Meeting

ACRA is actively preparing for its October 24-27, 2019, annual meeting to be held in Spokane, Washington. The schedule and more details about planned meeting sessions can be found at https://www.acra-crm.org/annual-conference-2019. The early bird registration rate and conference rate hotel rooms are no longer available, but you can still stay at the historic Davenport Hotel and join your colleagues. A special workshop will be held during the afternoon prior to the opening session. It will focus on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license renewals and application process with respect to heritage and tribal resources (https://acra-crm.org/acrasphere/7816981).

Comments on U.S. Forest Service Proposed Rule to Revise NEPA Regulations

ACRA commented on the proposed U.S. Forest Service rule to revise the way they would implement National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. The changes would permit large tracts of land to be mined, ground-altered, or otherwise modified without environmental review by the public or the tribes. Citing concerns that unrecognized tribes and citizens would not know about it or have an opportunity to participate, ACRA also pointed out that no tribal consultation has taken place and that this rule will increase the risk that other laws (Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, for example) would be overlooked by the exempt undertaking actions.

ACRA Seminars

ACRA provides ongoing seminars to assist cultural resource managers with business and discipline-specific issues. The next two seminars (webinars) are: From Lead to Long-Time Client: Managing the Firm-Client Relationship (https://acra-crm.org/event-3327112) on September 19, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) and Forecasting 101 (https://acra-crm.org/event-3327078) on October 10, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The first seminar will help you learn strategies for all stages of the firm-client relationship, including client acquisition and development, maintaining at-risk clients, and winning back lost clients. The second webinar will teach you how to build and manage a simple business forecast and the key line items to consider. Many of the webinars are recorded and can be viewed at a later date.

ACRA and NAEP

ACRA and the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) have recently formed a partnership to allow the members of both organizations to have reduced membership fees as well as access to compatible work. NAEP is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to developing ethical standards and proficiency in the environmental professions.
California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program Activities
Karen Lacy, Mike DeGiovine, Beth Padon, and Chris Padon

The most recent CASSP workshop was held in May 2019, in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arcata Field Office. BLM archaeologist Sharyl Kinnear-Ferris hosted the workshop, which was attended by a wide variety of people, including retirees, students, and even an ethnobotanist. While most of these people were local to the area, some came from further afield to attend the workshop. After a full day of classroom instruction, Sharyl hosted the field trip to Headwaters Forest Reserve, a beautiful area full of redwoods and historical buildings and sites from the time it was being used for the lumber industry. Thanks again to all who came to the workshop and to the BLM Arcata Field Office for hosting the event!

We are pleased to announce a CASSP volunteer training workshop on September 28-29, 2019, at the BLM Ukiah Field Office. Our host will be BLM archaeologist Chris Lloyd. The first day consists of classroom activities and the second day will be an archaeology site field trip. The workshop fee is $25, which includes a handbook, other workshop materials, and lunch on Saturday. People who live in other parts of the state can take this training in Ukiah and then return to their home area to join an existing team of site stewards. Those interested in participating must register at least one week in advance. Please contact workshop coordinators, Karen Lacy or Mike DeGiovine, at klacy@cassp.org or mdegiovine@cassp.org. For more information, contact karen.elizabeth.lacy@gmail.com.

CASSP started as a program of the Society for California Archaeology (SCA), and for 20 years it was sustained by the SCA Business Office and the SCA
SCA NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Site Stewardship Committee. In June 2018, the chairs of that committee, Beth and Chris Padon, incorporated a new nonprofit to support site stewardship activities across the country—Partners for Archaeological Site Stewardship (PASS). In March 2019, the SCA Executive Board decided to transfer control of CASSP to PASS, which is an independent legal entity. We greatly appreciate the two decades of invaluable support that CASSP has received from the SCA and we will continue to work with them to protect cultural resources in California.

We encourage site stewards and the interested public to attend the SCA Northern Data Sharing Meeting in Truckee or the SCA Southern Data Sharing Meeting in Santa Ynez this fall. Each data sharing meeting is an informal, one-day conference with local presentations, followed by a barbecue lunch. The meetings are free and everyone is invited, even if you are not an SCA member, but prior registration is required. This is a great opportunity to learn about the latest discoveries in California archaeology. For more information, go to https://scahome.org/future-meetings/.

The Archaeology of Fire: The Lilac Fire in San Diego County

Brenton E. Willhite

ON A FRIDAY EVENING IN LATE 2017, I received a text message from an archaeologist working in San Diego County. He said that he needed help covering a monitoring job in Fallbrook and that the work was a repair effort associated with the then ongoing Lilac Fire. The fire had been burning for a couple of days, so I was familiar with the disaster. But being relatively new to California and even to wildfires, I had no idea what to expect.

The experience was daunting. Driving through police barricades, around emergency response vehicles, and toward scorched earth was not something I had ever done before. I thought to myself, “I’m just an archaeologist! What am I doing here?” The area where we worked had been burned a few days prior and no flames or dense smoke remained. What did remain, however, was a thick cover of ash—sometimes up to 10 inches deep—on all surfaces. The ash was so thick that it reminded me of walking through snow. Instead of feeling the cold of the snow leach into my socks through my boots, however, I felt a warmth coming off the cooling ash. The lingering warmth was unsettling.

Monitoring any type of construction after a fire poses some of its own challenges. In this case, ground visibility was nearly nonexistent and, as such, monitoring the work proved difficult. The hours were long and the crews were exhausted. While I put in a long shift in Fallbrook that day, I was certain that others had been out there for much, much longer.

While working in these conditions was certainly a memorable experience, seeing the destruction of the disaster itself was more so. I saw abandoned homes, totaled cars, and acres upon acres of torched avocado groves. Everything that had been made, saved up for, and loved was gone. Nevertheless, what was most striking was the true bravery of the police, firefighters, and first responders. These people are heroes and deserve all the praise in the world.
Historical Archaeology in Downtown Redlands, San Bernardino County, California
Karen K. Swope, Donn R. Grenda, Robert D. Grenda, and Scott D. Sunell

STATISTICAL RESEARCH, INC. (SRI) HAS BEEN engaged in ongoing data recovery excavations in Redlands, San Bernardino County, California. The project area is situated astride the railroad tracks near downtown Redlands and it contains remnants of the community’s Chinatown and a Mexican barrio (Figure 1).

Chinese laborers helped construct the Southern Pacific Railroad through San Timoteo Canyon and San Gorgonio Pass in 1876 and 1877. Some remained in the region, finding employment to support the growing town by working as vegetable gardeners; in orchards, groves, vineyards, private gardens, and public parks; building ditches and water systems; and firing bricks for downtown buildings. Others worked as domestic servants, living in the homes of their affluent Redlands employers. Most of Redlands’ Chinese residents settled in a small Chinatown community about a half mile west of the center of town, on the north side of what eventually became Oriental Avenue (Figure 2). The enclave existed at least as early as 1887, one year before the City of Redlands was officially incorporated.

Ostensibly, Redlands’ Chinese residents were initially accepted by many of their Euroamerican neighbors. Some community members, however, viewed the Chinese as competition for Euroamerican labor and, in the pattern repeated throughout the western states, intolerance increased. Passage of the Chinese exclusion acts put pressure on Chinese immigrants as well as Chinese-American U.S. citizens. In 1891, with plans to build the Southern Pacific Railroad through Chinatown, Redlands City Trustees met to decide whether the residents should be relocated.

Not wanting the Chinese in the town’s business district, a mob moved into Chinatown, planning an
expulsion; consequently, many of the residents were forced to flee. The Redlands Chinatown population declined sharply in subsequent years, and only a few remained in 1907. By that time, a small enclave of Mexican residents lived north of the tracks in the Chinatown area, and this occupation continued into the 1920s. Historical maps show “Mexican shanties” in the area, and contemporary newspapers referred to the neighborhood as “Sonoratown.”

In the later historical period, the project area was increasingly becoming a commercial zone, with automobile repair facilities, lumber yards, warehouses, and other enterprises benefiting from the rail-side loading docks. The area was the focus of unauthorized excavation and collection during the 1960s, but finally was recognized for its archaeological potential. Earlier studies at the site include Duke (2019), Lange and Hansen (2005), LSA Associates (2006), and Padon and Swope (1997).

Our research design is focused on the changing cultural geography of Redlands and the roles of residential populations that are underrepresented in written documentation. At the time of this writing, the project area has produced nearly 1,000 intact features and a plenitude of associated artifacts (Figures 3 and 4), supplying ample data to address important topics such as land use, socio-economics, private and public ethnic expression, and the nature of ethnic interactions. Our ongoing and future project tasks include amassing and synthesizing archival materials, artifact analysis, dialogue with descendant groups, and commemorative efforts in public venues. The project team includes historical archaeologists, local historians, and experts in specialized analyses. SRI looks forward to sharing information with researchers who are investigating Chinese transnationalism as well as the connections between several southern California Chinatowns.

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SCA NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SCA President’s Award to be Presented to Dorothea Theodoratus

Samantha Schell

DOROTHEA (DOTTY) THEODORATUS WILL be receiving the SCA President’s Award at the Northern Data Sharing Meeting on September 28, 2019, at the Donner Memorial Museum in Truckee, California. This award is given to professionals who have gone above and beyond in their service to California archaeology, and in this instance to California’s Native people. Dotty’s career in California began in 1959 working with California tribes and Dr. S. A. Barrett. She is professor emeritus of Anthropology, Native American Studies, and Canadian Studies at California State University, Sacramento, and she continues to work with Native groups today.

Over the past 60 years, Dotty has uniquely woven ethnographic studies with archaeological contexts to the benefit of our discipline. She has participated in federal and state policy-making and Indian legal issues since 1966 and she has been an expert witness on Native American issues in state and federal court. Since the 1970s, she has been a regular volunteer consultant to the California Native American Heritage Commission and California Indian Legal Services working with tribes on federal acknowledgment cases. Dotty has been and continues to be a mentor and a leader to both women and men, having started her career in a male-dominated field during times when women were not always welcome. Dotty is supremely deserving of this special recognition.

If you wish to join us for this presentation, you will find complete details at https://scahome.org/future-meetings/.

SCA Annual Meeting Awards Nominations

A Note from Past President Rick Fitzgerald

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS of the SCA—or any society dedicated to a scientific and ultimately humanistic endeavor—is acknowledgment of the accomplishments of our peers. Recognition for contributions to the understanding, interpretation, and conservation of the cultural heritage of California is, to my mind, the greatest honor one can aspire to as a member of the community that is the SCA. There are six awards, each unique and special for either what they represent or who they are named for, that are open for nominations: the Martin A. Baumhoff Special Achievement Award; the Mark Raymond Harrington Award for Conservation Archaeology; the Award for Excellence in Cultural Resources Management; the Helen C. Smith Award for Individual or Society Avocationalist Achievement; the California Indian Heritage Preservation Award recognizing Native Californians’ contributions; and the Golden Shovel Award for excellence in field or lab work. I encourage every SCA member to nominate worthy candidates. Award descriptions and forms may be found at https://scahome.org/sca-annual-meeting/sca-meeting-awards/.
Save the Dates for the 2019 Data Sharing Meetings!

**Southern Data Sharing Meeting**

2019 Southern Data Sharing Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 2019  
Sedgwick Reserve, Tipon Hall 3566 Brinkerhoff Avenue, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

This year’s Southern Data Sharing Meeting will be held at the Sedgwick Reserve in the Santa Ynez Valley, inland from Santa Barbara. Sedgwick is part of the University of California Natural Reserve System. The property is stunning and the facilities for a small conference are first rate.

Presentation slots are limited, so if you are planning to present a paper, don’t hesitate! Send your title and a brief abstract to Southern Vice President Glenn Russell at Glenn@SCAHome.org at your earliest convenience. Students are encouraged to participate and share their work!

A dinner of tri-tip and chicken, beans, and rice will be provided after the meeting, and camping is available. Please bring your beverage of choice. The entire SCA Board will attend this meeting, and we hope that you will stay for dinner, conversation, and camping! The meeting is free, but we do require you to register so we can get a head count.

Complete the Registration Form [https://scahome.org/future-meetings/southern-data-sharing/](https://scahome.org/future-meetings/southern-data-sharing/)

Get Directions to the Sedgwick Reserve [https://goo.gl/maps/JEM3j8QHWW37vtFp9](https://goo.gl/maps/JEM3j8QHWW37vtFp9)

Visit the Sedgwick Reserve Website

**Northern Data Sharing Meeting**

2019 Northern Data Sharing Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 28, 2019  
12593 Donner Pass Road, Truckee

The 2019 Northern Data Sharing Meeting will be held at the Donner Memorial State Park, Visitor Center. Students are encouraged to participate and share their work! A barbecue will follow the meeting at the Donner Memorial State Park Campground. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and beverage of your choice. Free tent camping will be available on the 27th and 28th.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad, we will tour Central Pacific (abandoned) Railroad Tunnels on Donner Summit with retired Ranger/Historian Don Schmidt (Sunday, September 29, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.). The meeting is free, but we do require you to register so we can get a head count.

Complete the Registration Form [https://scahome.org/future-meetings/northern-data-sharing-registration](https://scahome.org/future-meetings/northern-data-sharing-registration)

Directions to Donner Memorial State Park  
The park is 100 miles east of Sacramento via I-80, and is within the town of Truckee, just west of downtown on the south side of the freeway.

Prepare for the 2020 SCA Annual Meeting!

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 – SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

Riverside Convention Center
3637 Fifth Street
Riverside, California 92501

Prepare to Submit! Submission System Will Open in Mid-October

The SCA seeks submissions of symposia, forums, and contributed papers or posters for the 2020 Annual Meeting. Guidelines for submissions can be found in the Meetings section of the SCA website at https://scahome.org sca-annual-meeting/scap-annual-meeting-submission-guidelines/. Please review the guidelines prior to submitting your abstracts. The submission system will open in mid-October; deadline for submissions is Friday, November 15, 2019. If you have questions about, or anticipate special needs for, a symposium, forum, or workshop you intend to propose, please contact Program Chair Michael Bever at 2020_Program_Chair@scahome.org.

The Venue

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be held at the Riverside Convention Center, March 12-15, 2020. We have negotiated room blocks at the historic Mission Inn Hotel and Spa ($169) and the Riverside Marriott ($149), both just a few minutes’ walk from the Convention Center, nestled into the heart of the Historic Downtown District, with its artisan restaurants, craft breweries, and unique boutique shopping.

The Mission Inn is a truly special location. Built in 1876, the hotel is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This charming hotel boasts “one-of-a-kind architecture including awe-inspiring archways and flying buttresses, secluded garden oases, and soaring domes and towers,” with “opulent rooms that transport guests to California’s foregone eras” (https://www.missioninn.com/about-en.html#historyLink). Two walking tours of the hotel will be offered on Sunday, March 15, for those wishing to explore areas of the Inn that are not available to the general public. There are several restaurants and bars on-site, including the Las Campanas Tequila Bar and Restaurant, The Sushi Bar, Duane’s Prime Steaks and Seafood, the Mission Inn Restaurant, Bella Trattoria, and the famous Presidential Lounge. A few blocks from the Inn is a variety of spots, including Heroes Restaurant and Brewery, The Salted Pig, and Prohibition Whiskey Lounge and Kitchen. The recently remodeled Marriott is just feet away from the convention center and also offers an on-site restaurant and bar.

The convention center itself has been named one of the top three best centers in California two years in a row. The center offers wide and beautiful upper and lower concourses that are easy to navigate and have plenty of space for meetings and events, and offers amenities such as a mothers’ room with lockable storage, privacy, and refrigeration. And yes, the Women in California Archaeology Committee is once again bringing childcare to the meeting! The convention center also has a green initiative, which is their commitment to the environment. This consists of recycling, individual room temperature control, and water refill stations.

Meeting registration will open in mid-October 2019. Stay tuned for instructions, news, and updates; the 2020 team is just getting rolling!
The Charles E. Rozaire Award for Student Research

Charles Rozaire made many lasting contributions to California archaeology. His work continues to be an important source of research material for archaeologists. Throughout his career, he wished there had been more funding for field and laboratory projects. This award, based on a donation to the SCA by Rozaire, promotes such projects for students (see scahome.org/sca-annual-meeting/sca-meeting-awards/charles-e-rozaire-award-for-student-research-in-california-archaeology/). Contact Mandi Martinez at cer_student_award@scahome.org if you have any questions.
in determining where various collections are, the Fowler Museum archaeology staff created a draft DPR 523 museum form. In-session discussions guided the final product and acceptance of the “Curated Archaeology Collection Continuation Sheet” (DPR 523L) for use by California Historic Resources Information Centers, which will help integrate and track existing site collections and associated documentation. The sheet is quick and easy to complete. It includes samples, definitions, and blank forms for people to download. We are incredibly grateful to all session panelists and attendees who took the ball and ran for such a collaborative and positive result. Next year, we hope to discuss how the forms are working and to develop further solutions. Questions or helpful suggestions should be sent to Wendy Teeter at wteeter@arts.ucla.edu.

**APPLY NOW!**

**$1,500**

**CASH AWARD FOR STUDENT RESEARCH**

Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2019**, but don’t delay!

**James A. Bennyhoff Memorial Fund**

The Society for California Archaeology invites undergraduate and graduate members to submit research proposals consistent with the scholarly interests of Dr. Bennyhoff in California and Great Basin archaeology.

**ALSO**

- Up to 50 obsidian source identifications
  (donated by Richard Hughes, Geochemical Research Laboratory)
- Up to 100 hydration readings
  (donated by Origir’s Obsidian Laboratory)
- Up to four AMS dates
  (donated by Center for Accelerated Mass Spectrometry Facility, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory)

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